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We are pleased that the USDA is giving us the opportunity to com

02. However, we are concerned about the section which is referred to .

Under the proposed Breed Claims it states "claims for breed of livestock must meet established criteria by an AMS-recognized U.S. breed association for the referenced breed." . For the good of all, it should be "claims for a breed of livestock must include at least one verifiable pedigree in the immediate previous generation of the market animal and this pedigree must be issued by an ams-recognized U.S. breed association for the referenced breed."

- < abBerkshires are known for meat quality.
- < abA pedigree cannot ascertain meat quality.
- < abAmerican Berkshire Association AMS/PVP designed for only 100% Berkshire (pedigree).
- < abResearch proves meat quality superiority from both 50% & 100% Berkshire market hogs.
- < abAmerican Berkshire Association developed the first 50% Berkshire program (Berk Gold).
- < abEden Farms markets pork from at least 50% Berkshire pigs (one parent registered).
- < abEden Farms can provide extensive documentation on customer satisfaction.
- < abEden Farms is the largest domestic supplier of Berkshire pork.
- < abEden Farms was the first to use an FSIS-APPROVED label - "Certified Berkshire Pork".
- < abEden Farms is concerned about punitive action from the American Berkshire Assoc.
- < abEden Farms is asking for an exemption from ABA potential rules as an existing company.

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